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Travel from Europe halted

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Ronny Young of Port St. Joe disembarks from the Caribbean Princess at Port Everglades in Fort Lauderdale on Wednesday. The ship was ordered to remain at sea late Sunday after an announcement that two crew members who showed signs of illness had earlier been on the Grand Princess. The two crew members tested negative for COVID-19. Several cases of cornavirus in Broward County have been linked to workers with connections to the port.

Trump calls for financial relief for sick workers

By Lisa Mascaro, Andrew Taylor and Zeke Miller
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump said Wednesday that he is suspending all travel between the U.S. and Europe for 30 days beginning Friday as he seeks to combat a viral pandemic.

Trump made the announcement in an Oval Office address to the nation, blaming the European Union for not acting quickly enough to address the "foreign virus" and saying U.S. clusters were "seeded" by European travelers.

"We made a lifesaving move with early action on China," Trump said. "Now we must take the same action with Europe."

Trump said the restrictions won't apply to the United Kingdom and the U.S. would monitor the situation to determine if travel could be reopened earlier.

Trump said he was also directing agencies to provide unspecified financial relief for "for workers who are ill, quarantined or caring for others due to coronavirus," and asked Congress to take action to extend it.

Trump said the U.S. will defer tax payments for some individual and business filers for three months to lessen the effects of the virus outbreak. He said the Small Business Administration will also make low-interest loans available to businesses to help them weather the storm.

"This is not a financial crisis," he said. "This just a temporary moment of time that we will overcome together as a nation and as a world."

Trump also reiterated his call on Congress to pass a cut to the federal payroll tax in order to stimulate the economy.

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Florida limits visitors at nursing homes, assisted-living facilities

By Cindy Krischer Goodman and Skyler Swisher

Florida is ordering nursing homes and assisted-living facilities to carefully screen visitors to nursing homes and assisted-living facilities, an effort to stop the new coronavirus before it gets through the door and threatens the lives of more than 160,000 people.

Florida Surgeon General Scott Rivkees said the death rate for COVID-19 could be 20 to 40 times higher than the flu in the elderly population. Twenty deaths in Washington state are linked to the Life Care Center near Seattle. An estimated 160,000 Floridians live in nursing homes and ALFs.

Visitors will be asked about their travel history and whether they are feeling ill. Some nursing homes are taking people's temperatures before they can see their loved ones, said Kristen Knapp, a spokeswoman for the Florida Health Care Association.

"At the end of the day, we are trying to prevent coronavirus from entering our building," said Knapp, whose group represents

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MONEY: Stocks tumble as virus fears intensify. **7B**

SPORTS: Ex-Panther says team used to playing for empty arenas. **2C**

SPORTS: UM induction ceremony postponed. **2C**

DOUG MILLS/THE NEW YORK TIMES

President Donald Trump addresses the nation about coronavirus Wednesday night from the Oval Office.

Boca doctor is charged with insurance fraud

Dr. Max Citrin was charged with three felonies, accused of making false claims to Blue Cross Blue Shield, Cigna and Humana. Claims made to Cigna resulted in $185,323 and claims made to Humana totaled $106,770. **Local, 1B**

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Bloomberg's staff out of a job

The former presidential candidate's staffers say they were promised job security through November. **3A**

Sanders to stay in race, Dem debate

The senator has vowed to press ahead with his presidential campaign long enough to debate Biden. **4A**

Trump, his GOP allies attack Biden

The president and his aides are working to discredit the former vice president, stoke division among Dems. **6A**

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Attorney and activist Gloria Allred holds a sign outside a New York courtroom referencing the 23-year sentence Harvey Weinstein received Wednesday for felony sex crimes.

Weinstein gets 23 years in sentence hailed by accusers

By Michael R. Sisak, Tom Hays and Jennifer Peltz
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Harvey Weinstein pleaded for mercy and said he was "totally confused" by the sex crime case that got him sentenced Wednesday to 23 years in prison, capping the onetime Hollywood mogul's downfall.

His accusers — those who testified against him and many others who have spoken out elsewhere against him — hailed the near-maximum punishment for his rape and criminal sex act convictions as long overdue.

Weinstein

Weinstein, 67, broke his courtroom silence to say he felt "remorse for this situation." But he also argued that men are being accused of "things that none of us understood."

"Thousands of men are losing due process. I'm worried about this country," he said in a calm but creaking voice. "I'm totally confused. I think men are confused about these issues."

Weinstein has been accused of violating scores of women. He was convicted last month of raping a once-aspiring actress in a New York City hotel room in

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Man shot, paralyzed by deputy is close to $4.5M settlement

Stephens won $22.4M judgment from federal jury

By Brooke Baitinger

It's nowhere near the amount he asked for, but a man who was shot and paralyzed by a deputy will get a few millions.

The Florida Legislature approved a claim bill to award Dontrell Stephens $4.5 million in damages, which was the amount the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office said it was willing to pay.

If the governor signs the bill, the Sheriff's Office will end up paying about $6 million to cover the $3 million Stephens' has incurred in medical debts since the 2013 shooting, according to Jack Scarola, a West Palm Beach attorney representing Stephens. Scarola said his future medical care is estimated to cost another $5 million.

Stephens, 26, was left paralyzed in the shooting. He has been homeless, Scarola said, and the money will help Stephens secure housing and a handicapped-equipped van.

"He'll have transportation and a place to live for the very first time in 6½ years," Scarola said.

Stephens won a $22.4 million judgement from a federal jury, which determined that Deputy Adams Lin used excessive force when he shot Stephens four times after stopping him for a bicycle infraction.

An appeals court later reversed the judgment against Lin, who is now a sergeant. The judgment against the Sheriff's Office, however, ultimately remained.

The Sheriff's Office did not respond to a respond to a request for comment Wednesday.

Stephens and Scarola later asked for support for a bill requiring the Sheriff's Office to pay about $25 million for Stephens' injuries and treatment.

In Florida, damages above $200,000 in lawsuits involving state and local government must be granted by the legislature. That requires the passage of a claim bill that must be

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